

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
LOK SABHA**

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STUDY ON CONTENTS OF COSMETIC ITEMS .

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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether most of the branded companies are using lead, copper and other chemicals more than the specified quantity in various cosmetic items such as lipstick, talcum powder, deo, hair dye and shampoo etc. which causes various diseases including cancer as per the study conducted by Delhi Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Research;

(b) if so, whether the Government has any agency for monitoring the cosmetics manufacturing companies to control quality;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) As per Rules 138 of Drugs & Cosmetics Rules, 1945, State Licensing Authorities are empowered to grant or renew license to manufacture any cosmetics for sale in the country. Under the provisions of section 18 of the Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940, State Government by way of Notification can prohibit the manufacture for sale or for distribution or sell or stock or exhibit or offer for sale or distribute any cosmetics which is not of standard quality or is misbranded or spurious or harmful or unsafe.